

NOTICE OF A SECOND CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 17 BUSINESS/N.C. 37 AND REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO.
8 OVER THE PERQUIMANS RIVER

TIP Project No. R-4467

Perquimans County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a citizens informational workshop on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Department Meeting Room, located at 310 Granby Street in Hertford.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal, open house-style setting to answer questions and gather more public input regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Citizens may attend at any time during the meeting. There will not be a formal presentation.

Several conceptual alternative designs were presented at the first workshop for this proposed project on April 6, 2010. The possible alternatives have since been narrowed down and will be presented at this second workshop. Artist renderings of the remaining alternatives will also be shown.

NCDOT proposes to make improvements to U.S. 17 Business/N.C. 37 and to replace Bridge No. 8 (a swing-span bridge) over the Perquimans River. A new bridge will be built to replace the existing roadway (causeway) between the swing-span bridge and the U.S. 17 Business/N.C. 37 split. The causeway is in poor condition due to the uneven settlement of the roadway. The project is about 0.4 miles in length. It is currently scheduled for construction in 2016, with right-of-way acquisition scheduled to begin in 2015.

The project is needed to avoid further costly maintenance repairs of the causeway. NCDOT is still investigating the replacement or rehabilitation of Bridge No. 8 either in its existing location or on a new location across the Perquimans River.

Bridge No. 8 over the Perquimans River needs to be replaced due to its advanced age and deteriorating condition. It was built in 1929, and is deemed both structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

A bridge is structurally deficient when it has elements that need to be monitored and/or repaired. It does not mean that the bridge is unsafe, but the bridge must be monitored, inspected and either repaired or replaced at an appropriate time to maintain its structural integrity. A bridge is functionally obsolete when its layout no longer meets current standards for width, shoulders or rails.

For more information, contact Joseph Miller, NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis, at (919) 707-6031, or via email at josephmiller@ncdot.gov. You can also contact NCDOT consultant Teresa Gresham of Kimley-Horn, located at 3001 Weston Parkway, Cary, N.C. 27513. She can also be reached at (919) 677-2194 or via email at teresa.gresham@kimley-horn.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Miller as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.